## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:	BIOMOLECULE DETECTING ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING NUCLEIC ACID USING THE SAME	)))
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of the PCT application PCT/JP2004/012363, filed August 27, 2004, which claims the priority date of Japanese Patent Application 2003-306906 filed August 29, 2003, all of which is incorporated by reference.

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